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SUBJ: THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT (PRG) OF SOUTH
VIETNAM SENDS AMBASSADOR TO MALI

1. HAVING RECOGNIZED PRG IN JUNE 1969, S.E. N'GUYEN VAN THAANG,
AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT
(PRG) OF SOUTH VIETNAM PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT MOUSSA
TRAORE, DEC 21.

2. FRONT PAGE COVERAGE (L'ESSOR) WAS GIVEN THE OCCASION WITH
PHOTOGRAPH OF VAN THAANG SEATED WITH PRESIDENT TRAORE.

3. IN PRESENTING CREDENTIALS, VAN THAANG SEVERELY DENOUNCED AND
CONDEMNED "U.S. IMPERIALISM" AND SAIGON FOR "VIOLATING AND SABOTAGING"

THE PARIS ACCORDS. HE ACCUSED U.S. (BY NAME) SEVERAL TIMES DURING
LONG SPEECH FOR ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING SAIGON'S GOVERNMENT.

4. PRESIDENT TRAORE, IN RESPONSE TO VAN THAANG'S SPEECH, COMMENTED
THAT MALI WAS AWARE OF THE POWERFUL SUPPORT GIVEN SAIGON BY THE
IMPERIALISTS; THE CRIMINAL ACTIONS AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE;
AND THE TREACHERY USED IN SABOTAGING THE PARIS ACCORDS. HE
CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING MALI'S SUPPORT IN BRINGING LASTING PEACE
TO VIETNAM COMMENT: VAN THAANG SPEECH WAS HARSH IN CRITICIZING
U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM. HOWEVER, WHILE AGREEING WITH VAN THAANG,
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PRESIDENT TRAORE WAS CAUTIOUS IN NOT MENTIONING THE U.S. BY NAME

IN HIS RESPONSE. VAN THAANG'S ARRIVAL IN MALI AS THE OFFICIAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRG BRINGS TO A CLIMAX MALI'S 1969 EFFORT IN
RECOGNIZING THE PRG. THIS MOVE BY GOM FOLLOWS POLICY OF SOLIDARITY
WITH PEOPLE SEEKING SELF-DETERMINATION SUCH AS LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
OF GUINEA BUSSAU, MOZAMBIGUE, ANGOLA, RHODESIA, AND NAMIBIA.

VAN THAANG WILL HAVE RESIDENCE IN ALGERIA.
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